

THE BEAR FACTS

CAULFIELD BEARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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ROUND 2 FIXTURE

Team	Opponent	Home/Away	Location	Time
U8's	South Melbourne	Home	East Caulfield	8.45am
U9's	Bentleigh	Away	King George Reserve	8.45am
U10's	Waverley Park	Home	Koornang Park	8.45am
U11 Polars	East Sandringham	Away	Chisholm Reserve	8.45am
U11 Grizzlies	East Sandringham	Home	Koornang Park	10.00am
U12 Girls	East Malvern	Home	Koornang Park	12.55am
U12 Polars	Beaumaris	Home	Koornang Park	11.30am
U12 Grizzlies	St. Paul's McKinnon	Away	McKinnon Reserve	10.30am
U13's	East Malvern JFC	Away	Basil Reserve	11.00am
U14's Girls	East Sandringham	Home	Koornang Park	3.35pm
U14's	East Malvern	Home	Koornang Park	2.10pm
U15's	Ormond	Away	E.E. Gunn Reserve	1.20pm
U16's	East Brighton	Away	Moorleigh Reserve	3.00pm
U17's	East Sandringham	Away	Boss James Reserve	10.00am

Calender Events



Family Night 4.30pm – 7.30pm

MATCH REPORTS!

If all teams could provide reports and a few photos for the newsletter that would be appreciated! However if nothing is received the scores where relevant, with locations and weather will be all that's published. **Major Sponsor**

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A very warm welcome to all our Bear's families.

Round One got off to a very damp and dreary start – grey skies and pretty much constant rain greeted our teams on Sunday, but the bad weather didn't stop our teams running out with enthusiasm and gusto.

My favourite story from this round is the inventive way our Under 8 Coach kept his young charges warm: with some impromptu "flossing" routines from the back line formation. I only wish the moment had been captured on film for us all to enjoy!

This is a good moment to just re-iterate that the motto of the SMJFL is: "It's all about the kids" and that our responsibility is to ensure that the kids are enjoying their football and having fun.

Each Family Night we present a 'Bear of the Month'.

In the pre-season it is always very hard to select one person as there are so many people who have put in a tremendous amount of work.

However, this month, I am making a joint award to two ladies who have been working around the clock to get all our team officials accredited and compliant with new league regulations, organising jumpers, organising volunteers, assigning roles, writing manuals and generally fielding a million questions and emails all day every day.

Please join me in congratulating and thanking our Bears of the Month, Katherine Roberts and Sam Jackson.

Let's hope for a drier round two!

Louise Nelson President



Match Day Photos

If you have any photos of your teams for our newsletter, please e-mail them to **cbjfcnewsletter@gmail.com**



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NOTICE BOARD

BY-LAW OF THE WEEK

17.1. Player Interchange

Interchange of players is permitted whilst play is in progress provided that such players enter or leave the field via the designated interchange area. If a player who is not injured leaves the ground at any place other than through the Interchange area, that Player cannot return onto the ground for a period of one full quarter.

The Boots Squad

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Club Captain Appointed!

At the start of every season we appoint a Club Captain who will represent the players and act as a role model and mentor for the younger players.

This year I am delighted to announce that your Club Captain is Oscar Fraser.

When your Coach Anthony nominated you for this role he said; Oscar has been a tremendous servant of the Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club, entering his 10th consecutive season with the Bears which has accumulated over 120 games to date, starting way back when he was 7 years old!

In his time at the Bears Oscar has juggled weekends with school football commitments on Saturday's as well as umpiring Sunday mornings before games for the past 6 years. Best described as a livewire forward, who consistently finds himself in the right spots at the right time to kick a goal and is not shy to celebrate them! A mature young man off the field who bleeds navy, red and yellow, Oscar was a pivotal member of the U16s Premiership winning success last year and a deserving recipient of the 2018 Junior Club Captain.

Congratulations to Oscar and we look forward to his contribution this season.



Under 8's Jumper Presentation

Last week our Under 8's received their first Caulfield Bears jumpers! Exciting times. Welcome to the club guys!





New Milestone Banner!

Now when the kids reach a milestone we are able to celebrate it with our new banner to run through! A big thank you to Ckaos for sponsoring the banner!

Also congratulations to Patty Carman who achieved 50 games this weekend, running through the banner for the first time.



Secretary's Corner

Calling for all nominations!

The Monash University Leadership Award aims to reward and nurture young people who stand out from the crowd with their enthusiasm, innovative thinking, determination and effort in giving back to the junior football community.

Do you know a young leader who:

- has helped get a team up, or keep a team together
- helps as training in leading peers and learning from coach
- activity adds value to the club in off-filed tasks

For any nominations please contact Katherine, secretary@caulfieldbears.com.au by Wednesday 25 April

Team Photos:

Team Photos are back this year! We're in the process of finalising the dates...

RSA:

Would you like to help out behind the bar at Family Night? Then perhaps you'd like to become accredited for the Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Certificate. Please contact Sam Jackson, samtjackson@optusnet.com.au, if you're interested in attending a training session to be held at the Bear Cave, date TBC.

Family Night















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Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club

MATCH REPORT

U8's

Location: East Caulfield



Bear of the Week:

Lenny and Woody

Game Highlights:

It was a cold and wet start to footy for the newest members of the Caulfield Bears. The U8's commenced their footy careers against the Waverley Park Hawks.

The team was pumped, they were lead out by Darcy and Ben as the match day captains.

The tackling was amazing, the team was hard at the ball and although the scoreboard (or lack there of) didn't show it we were in the match.

The half time discussion had the team putting in their paws to be ferocious like a bear, they hit the field and really went hard in the 2nd half and certainly won more of the ball and started scoring.

Players of the match went to Woody and Lenny with amazing support from the rest of the team. The song was sung with gusto and the boys and girls should be commended for their efforts at following instructions, keeping their feet and tackling with intensity.

Caulfield Bears vs. Waverley Park Hawks



Editors Note: As per SMJFL By-Law 25.12, scores are not printed for out modified rules games. Also per SMJFL By-Law 23.10, a mercy rule applies to the publication of all scores in U11–U13 matches. No team shall have a winning margin greater than 60 points.



Bear of the Week:

Angus Brown and Sydney

Game Highlights:

Footy season is back and the weather played its part by reminding us it is a winter sport. Sideways rain with at times gusty winds, but you wouldn't know from the high level of skills on display from the young bears. Fabulous teamwork highlighted the game.

We had multiple goal scorers, Quinn, Aidan, Charlie B and first gamers Angus Brown and Sydney. There was relentless pressure throughout the ground and a notable improvement in looking for teammates. With the ball being wet the high level of marking, kicking and hand passes was of a great standard showing the benefit of early season training.

Big thanks to the players who played quarters for Murrumbeena as they were 3 short.





Location: Princes Hwy Reserve

U10's



Bear of the Week:

Jack Conrad and Samuel Davies

Game Highlights:

It was a wet start to open the season, with 5 new players joining the bears (welcome!) for an away game. Oakleigh started quickly and the Bears took stock with great work by the likes of Nicko, Luke, Veer, and Samuel keeping the momentum largely with the bears. Lucas was solid in defence and Jack Conrad attacked the ball at every opportunity. Grady dominated the opening half with three great goals, ably supported by first gamer Tyler with another.

Sheldon, Raf and Veer were constant ball winners, whilst Jack was again tireless in getting into the fray. Cooper stepped up early in the last to slot through a great goal, and Samuel diligently followed suit, delivering on Coach Pat's ask of him to kick a goal. The Bears had a promising start to the season in slippery conditions and rounded out the morning with a rousing rendition of the club song.

Caulfield Bears vs. Oakleigh





U11 Polars

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U11 Grizzlies

Location: Moorleigh

Reserve



Best on Ground:

William Douglas, Cameron Green and Isiah Teycheney.

Game Highlights:

Q1: Daniel Affinita was Captain for Grizzlies. Will Douglas played his first game of AFL, starting on the ball.

Ashwood kicked with the wind in the first quarter. Will Douglas impressed with his intent and aggression in his first ever game, getting two or three contested possessions in the first few minutes. Ashwood worked the ball forward, and did well to keep it in their forward line, but a committed and skilful defence led by Cameron Green, Charlie Boyles and Kristian Taalikka held them goalless. Jackson Jeanes was injured in a contest and came off. Bears played down a man, as they had no reserves on the day.

Q2: The boys of both sides found marking the wet ball a real challenge. The on-ballers fought a hard contest, with sharp tackling on both sides. Daniel Affinita played a captains role, getting to the bottom of every pack. Ethan Rayner and Charles Nelson followed him in, and Ashwood knew they were in a tough contest. Nicholas Jones fought a brave battle with Ashwoods taller ruckman. Again, the Bears defenders had the best of their men, with Cameron Green unbeatable in the air or on the ground. Otis Karamihos and Isiah Teycheney gave great support.

Q3: Cameron Green played a starring role in keeping off the Ashwood forwards. Nicholas Jones moved into defence and also played well, and Jed Williams, as always, gave his all. Otis Karamihos, Ben Frewin, Asher McKertich and Joel Farrar fought hard for the ball but turnovers cost the team, and led to Ashwood keeping the ball locked in their forward line. They could not capitalise on their opportunities however, earning just a single behind with the wind.

Q4: The game was up for grabs with Bears having the wind, but Ashwood started to dominate the play. Ashwood forced the ball forward against the wind, having repeated forward entries. Bears fought the quarter out well though, Isiah, Ethan and Christopher Mitzeliotis contributing to some fierce on ball pressure in midfield and defence. Bears tried desperately to snatch a late win, with Cameron and Isiah linking up to force the ball forward. The effort was too late however, the siren sounding with the ball in the Bears forward pocket, for a narrow loss.

Ashwood 1.3 (9) def. Caulfield Bears 0.1 (06)







U12 Girls

Location: Lum Reserve



Goal Kickers:

Violet (2) and Sienna (1)

Game Highlights:

An unpleasant way to kick off season 2018 weather wise, with a cold and soggy Lum Reserve greeting the girls upon arrival for the game against the Waverley Park Hawks.

The game kicked off with the Bears battling against a strong breeze that meant the Hawks were camped in the Bears defensive half all quarter. As a result they were up by 2 goals at quarter time, although there were some great efforts by Samantha, Jasmine, Sophie and Lily Skinner in defence with great tackling and pressure from the girls. To be only 2 goals down at quarter time was a great result.

During the second quarter Violet kicked 2 great goals, including stealing the ball from a Hawks player and kicking truly. Sienna also kicked a very nice goal, Maggie kicked long out of the centre maintaining the Bears forward pressure, and Lucy showed some great bravery with her head over the footy. Elisa also kicked a behind to give the Bears an 8 point lead at half time.

The third quarter was going to be crucial. Lily McDonald showed great carry with the ball on one of the few occasions we had it, but this quarter was built on solid defence. The Hawks only managed to kick the one goal for the quarter which meant we were up by 2 points heading into the final quarter.

The scorers weren't troubled at all in the last quarter as the Hawks really showed tremendous grit to keep us out despite us being camped in their half all quarter thanks to the wind at our backs. Natasha had some great second efforts that showed her determination, particularly when she chased and tackled a Hawks player who threatened to cross into our territory.

All in all a great effort from all the girls and a very solid start to season 2018!







U12 Polars

Location: Stanley Grose Reserve



Goal Kickers:

Quinn (3), Thurlow, Agar, Thomas and Gurrie (1)

Game Highlights:

On a windy and wet morning, the newly formed Polars captained by Quinn Copper ran out together unsure about their capabilities in a significantly higher division than previous years.

Whilst the conditions made it scrambly and the players found it difficult to execute their skills, it was clear the team was up for the challenge and they quickly scooted away to a 12 point lead at quarter time.

The players were challenged regularly throughout the match, however they were able to maintain the lead and eventually ran out 10 point winners.

Bear of the Week: Gleeson, Luth, Walsh, Fraser

The highlights of the day were the players attack at the ball, the constant pressure applied to the ball carrier and everyone's willingness to play their positions.

Better players on the day were Quinn Cooper, Lucas Bremnar and Jack Joyce.

Overall it was a fantastic team effort and we can look forward to an exciting year ahead.

U12 Grizzlies



Bear of the Week:

Gleeson, Luth, Walsh, Fraser

Game Highlights:

It was a tough day at the office for the Grizzlies' inaugural match of the season as they were met with a bout of wintry weather and a team that had come off a 2017 Premiership and brought that form with them.

While they were beaten on many levels, what impressed this scribe was that the boys didn't lower their heads and fought the match out to the end. They went in just as hard in the last quarter as they had in the first. It was simply a matter of being outclassed by a bigger, stronger and more skilled side. If this positive attitude can continue throughout the season, the team will certainly find its feet and enjoy some more competitive matches.

Some individual performances that stood out on a day where possessions were hard to come by: Gleeson and Jackson battled manfully in the ruck all day; Kennedy was sharp around the packs; Taalikka showed good attack on the ball; Mathieson took some nice marks on the wing; Dart tackled with vigour; and Abbott picked up some nice kicks.





Murrumbeena Lions (61) def. Caulfield Bears (1)

Location: Min: Koornang Park Scattered Showers

Goal Kickers:

JJ (2), Ben (1)

Bear of the Week:

Hayden, Pat, JJ and Heals

Game Highlights:

We welcomed Round 1 2018 in classic Melbourne footy conditions, wet and cold! The drizzle was relentless and a slippery ball made it a game of ground contests, with the most determined players winning the ball.

Max:

18°C

The first half kicked off with Gubba winning the ruck contests for the day, giving the Bears the edge at the stoppages. Well supported by midfielders, Paddy and Jackson, who were winning many contested possessions. Scoring was difficult in the wet conditions, new players Marcus and Aiden worked hard, and Nico, Heals, Josh and Ezra looked dangerous when the ball hit the ground.

Contested possessions were important in the second half and both sides had scoring opportunities. The game opened up in the final quarter. The backline remained tight, all players having done a great job to limit the scoring, contesting every ball with courage in trying conditions. A great start to the season!





Northvale 10.7 (67) def. Caulfield Bears 1.4 (10)

U14's

Location: **Central Reserve**



Goal Kickers:

Andrew Callaghan

Bear of the Week:

Griffin Beveridge and Haddi El Shorbagy

Game Highlights:

1Q: Cold and Drizzly Morning at Central Reserve Waverley, tough pressure from opening bounce. Northvale off too a flyer, Haddi and Miro worked hard.

2Q: James Dimma clean overhead mark in wet and quick movement to the forward line resulted in Andrew kicking our 1st goal. Northvale doubling there score end of quarter, looking too strong. Coach Half Time message Midfielders first to the ball, See Ball Get Ball!

Best on Ground: Andrew Callaghan

3Q: Much improvement quarter some hard efforts, Haddi in ruck, Miro some run, Jacob and Sahil solid in defence but could not convert. Northvale kick away.

4Q: With the drizzle coming back and with the wind on our side a strong quarter was needed to finish of a tough day at the office. Some strong efforts were there but opposition were more determined to get the job done.

U14 Girls

Location:

Columbia Oval Wheelers Hill



Goal Kickers:

Giselle Hennequin (1)

Bear of the Week: Sienna Rogers, Siena Anastasio

Best on Ground:

Giselle Hennequin

Game Highlights:

The opening quarter saw the Bears face intense pressure as a well drilled Hawks team attacked again and again. Sienna Rogers continually repel the Hawk with great marks and clearing the ball with her booming left foot. The girls tried to tackle and make it a congested game but the bigger bodied Hawks broke through and scored the first five goals of the game. Late in the quarter, there was some brilliant individual work by Gisele to score the Bear's opening goal.

The second and third quarters saw the girls dig in and fight hard. There was some great clearances by Olivia Henderson, an awesome mark by Sophie, Eliza fought hard and Gisele continued to provide drive. The defence tightened up with Siena A, Jemima and Madison supporting Sienna Rogers. It took a brilliant individual goal by a Hawk to break through the defence late in the third. The Hawks scored 2 more goals in the last with the aid of a blustering breeze. To keep the Hawks to only 5 goals in the last three quarters after the initial onslaught was a brave effort and hopefully the girls can use this as a platform for the remainder of the season.











Bear of the Week:

Andy, Minro and Harry B

Game Highlights:

The first game of the pre season series saw wet, slippery and muddy conditions. Despite leading by a goal at the end of the first quarter and brilliant and tireless work by our back line, the end result did not reflect the ongoing effort of the boys throughout the game.

With a significantly reduced side, further hampered by injuries (resulting in a visit to the doctor for Nick) the Bears struggled to get the ball into our end of the field, apart from a second goal in the 3rd quarter. Some great marks and smothers throughout. The effort and teamwork never fell by the wayside and the game was a credit to the preparation the boys put in through preseason training. Next time, Bears!











Goal Kickers:

Chris (3), Henry and Beau (2), Fraser, Ethan, Kai and George (1)

Game Highlights:

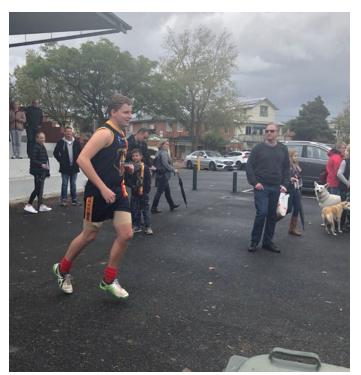
Great to be back for round 1 of footy, and the weather certainly reminded us it was footy season. We played Cheltenham at Koornang Park, Patty Carman finally got to 50 games after a 4 year overseas hiatus, and we welcomed 4 new players in Chris, George, Gem and Luca, and we also see the return of Henry, they all showed they will be valuable new additions to the group.

A new season, and Fraser starts off where he ended, leading the way with his tenacity and skill and kicks the first goal of the season, it's then a long period of scrambly football in the wet conditions, but we defend well, keeping the opposition to 1 point, and Henry takes a strong mark 20 metres out and goals, to see us with a handy 14 point lead at 1/4 time.

Henry soccers a goal off the ground, before Cheltenham kick their 1st goal for the game, the skills on display were excellent given the conditions, Beau picks up a loose ball, handballs off to Ethan and another goal. Debutante Chris Menara then kicks a big goal from 40 metres out, and we head into the long break with a 23 point lead.

We start the 3rd term with a bang, Beau kicks one off the ground for his first goal of the season, Chris kicks another great goal on the run, Beau takes a diving mark and goals and then Chris kicks his 3rd goal. We get out to an 8 goal lead, and you would think game over, but to Cheltenhams credit, and perhaps a bit of slackening off by the Bears sees Cheltenham kick 3 late goals to reduce the margin to 29 points at $\frac{34}{2}$ time.

The boys now have to work hard to stop the momentum going the other way, but Cheltenham kick 2 quick goals, and we are now only 16 points up, and need to work harder as a group. George kicked his 1st goal for the Bears. Back to 28 points up with 6 minutes to play, and Cheltenham kick the last 2 goals to see us run out 16 point victors.







Best on Ground:

Tim – Getting him back on the forward line should have been a reality TV show! Anyway, great to have him back pinging those goals.

Hudson – He didn't get that 'Hard Man' haircut for nothing. Obviously premierships suit Huddo as he was in top form from first bounce. Tom – You couldn't get the grin off his face after the game. Nothing like beating your old club, especially when you were a main reason for their loss.

Game Highlights:

First of all, thank you everyone for your feedback to the club in regard to my reports last year. Unfortunately for you, the committee has decided to ignore all of you and have asked me back for one last year. I'm sure I wrote my first U9 Grizzly report a few months ago...

It's a crazy old world out there and you could go crazy worrying about Cricket, Presidents, Prime ministers, missile attacks and Carlton*. The cure for all of this is BEAR'S FOOTY where for two hours you can float away in a complete state of denial watching these fine young men craft their skills upon the pursuit of the ovoid leather ball.

Could you start off any better in Div 2 than a match against Murrumbeena? These guys are the real traditional rivals, not only being the suburb next door but also, for parents with young ladies in their family, a deep seated rivalry coming from the netball courts. We also had Thomas Robb (now officially the only Tom in the team – well done mate) champing at the bit to put one over his old team and Aidan was determined the clear the only stain on his footy career – Auskick at Murrumbeena. Not his fault – I blame the parents.

It was perfect footy weather, nice and damp and was certainly going to level the teams with a slippery ball. Remember the old days when the Bears were slow starters? Those days are gone with them bursting out of the gate and pinging a goal within the first few minutes, Tim making a last minute but welcome return to the forward line. Beena tried to push back but were having no joy, spraying across the front of goal. The movement out of defence was sensational and, ladies, if you have misplaced a favourite hand bag, just invite Hudson around because he was a leather magnet coming out of defence, the ball just finding him and letting him work the ball up the wing to our salivating forwards.

Working through the centre of the ground was a tough day at the office for our midfielders with the centre basically a bucket of goo. Be that as it may, that didn't stop the brutal tackling and unrelenting battle for the ball. Beena were dumfounded at the obsessive battle for the ball by the Bears, our gentlemen basically unable to conceive that anyone else will get the ball. Josh had to walk home as he came off the ground looking like he worked in a coal mine he spent so much time diving into the muck to grab the ball. Tom was a man possessed battling for the ball and was later diagnosed with a bad case of white line fever; he went for the ball with complete disregard for life or limb.

We could see the Coach over the other side of the ground, rubbing his hands together in glee, chuckling to himself saying "He he he, I love a stingy defence". Harrison has made a welcome return to the team and showed some promising form at full back with solid punches and great kick outs. Shamus (a.k.a. "The Flash") once again stunned opponents with his speed and he had a spectacular run up from half back and punted a ball so pretty into the waiting arms of Tim that is should have had a pink ribbon and a card on it. Jack was back to his usual form of creating stoppages and Josh, our "Almost Football Legend", once again used that powerful kick to get the ball back into attack.

The injection of new blood into the team has also been fantastic but I'm not going to pretend I've learnt their names yet. However, the game was punctuated with many parents saying "Who's that guy? He's ******** good!"

Overall a cracking game with the first half neck and neck and then the Bears changing gears in the third quarter and pulling ahead. The spirited fight back by Beena in the fourth quarter gave many parents palpitations but it was impressive to see the Bears keep their heads and maintain their style of play, bring home their first win in Div 2. Big season ahead.

Favourite plays:

Harry M-S tackling a Beena forward three times his size, refusing to let go and watching the forward slowly come crashing down like a California Redwood

Emin being 60 m out from goal with the wind behind him and some opposition parents murmuring "There is no way he can kick this": Watch and learn, my friends.

Emin again with a World Cup worthy soccer kick into goal. That's the sort of goal that breaks opposition hearts. Tim started singing "Anything you can do, I can do better" and slotted another soccer goal in the next quarter.

AROUND THE GROUND



























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